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SUBJECT: EMBASSY ASSISTANCE TO WACKENHUT CORPORATION

REF: BRASILIA 2866

1. FOR THE RECORD, FOLLOWING IS BRIEF LISTING OF ACTIONS
EMBASSY HAS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE WACKENHUT CORP. WHICH
REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING ITS LICENSING
PROBLEMS (SEE REF):

2. SUBSEQUENT TO APRIL 2 CALL ON MIN. OF JUSTICE SECRETARY
GENERAL ARAUJO BY ECON/COMM COUNSELOR (DESCRIBED PARA 3 REF),
ECONOFF MADE FOLLOW UP CALL ON ARAUJO'S CHIEF OF CABINET, COL.
EURIPEDES ON MAY 5. COL. EURIPEDES CONFIRMED THAT FIRST
NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE PUBLIC SAFETY CHIEFS HELD IN
BRASILIA IN MARCH (SEE PARA 2 REF) HAD SUBMITTED RECOMMENDATION TO
MIN OF JUSTICE IN PRIVATE GUARD WHICH CALLED FOR PROHBITION OF
FOREIGN CAPITAL SECURITY FIELD. COL. EURIPEDES
ADDED THAT SPECIAL STUDY GROUP HAD BEEN CREATED
WITHIN MOJ TO STUDY ALL RECOMMENDATIONS
SUBMITTED BY CONFERENCE.

3. ON JUNE 11, ECON/COMM COUNSELOR WROTE LETTER TO
AMB. PAULO CABRAL DE MELLO, CHIEF/ECON. DEPT./FONMIN,
INFORMING HIM OF WACKENHUT'S PROBLEM AND OF EMBASSY'S
REPRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF WACKENHUT. LETTER ALSO
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SOLICITED CABRAL DE MELLO'S ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING

MATTER. CABRAL DE MELLO, HOWEVER, CHOSE NOT TO RESPOND TO LETTER, DEEMING SUBJECT OUT OF HIS BAILIWICK, AND SENT IT TO MOJ SEC-GEN ARAUJO (WHO ALREADY HAD COPY OF LETTER).

4. ON JUNE 28, ECONOFF MET WITH MR. BATALLAN, WACKENHUT CORP. CONTROLLER, AND BRIEFED HIM ON EMBASSY'S EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF HIS FIRM.

5. ON AUGUST 3, ECONOFF AGAIN MET WITH COL. EURIPEDES WHO ADVISED THAT MOJ STUDY GROUP HAD NOT YET RULED ON FOREIGN CAPITAL RECOMMENDATION, BUT HAD APPROVED MAJORITY OF OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, COL. EURIPEDES ADMITTED THAT, GIVEN RESULTS OF GROUP'S FINDINGS TO DATE, THE SITUATION DID NOT APPEAR VERY HOPEFUL FOR WACKENHUT. ECONOFF ADVISED WACKENHUT (MR. BERCKMANS) OF ABOVE IN LETTER DATED AUGUST 19.

6. BERCKMANS RESPONDED IN LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 9 NOTING THAT WACKENHUT'S "PLANNING IS PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY AND CURRENTLY ONLY LACKS LEGAL OPINIONS AS TO A PLAN WE HAVE TO NATIONALIZE OUR COMPANY PRIOR TO BEING REQUIRED BY LAW TO DO SO."

7. ON OCTOBER 13, ECONOFF ONCE AGAIN CONTACTED COL. EURIPEDES WHO STATED THAT STUDY GROUP HAD STILL NOT TAKEN UP FOREIGN CAPITAL QUESTION, BUT THAT THAT PARTICULAR RECOMMENDATION WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE APPROVED AND BECOME LAW DURING 1977. ECONOFF ADVISED BERCKMANS OF ABOVE IN LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 4, NOTING WACKENHUT'S OWN PLANS TO NATIONALIZE ASSETS IN BRAZIL.

8. UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE BY THE DEPARTMENT, EMBASSY PLANS NO FURTHER ACTIONS ON THIS CASE.
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